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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed July 2, 2002, and in accordance with Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the amendments below into the file of the above-identified application and consider the remarks below. Applicants submit herewith: (1) a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; (2) a Petition For Extension Of Time (in duplicate) for responding to the Office Action up to and including January 2, 2003, accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; (3) Exhibit A, pending claims upon entry of this amendment; (4) a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; and (5) a revised form PTO 1449 accompanied by the cited reference.

It is estimated that no additional fee is required to file this amendment. However, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine otherwise, please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.